

East Chicago Plants In Gigantic Mergers

AMERICA PARTY TO NO INDEMNITY DIVISION

CONGRESS
TO PASS ON
ALL CLAIMSImportance of Economic Clau-
ses In U. S. Treaty With
Germany.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT'S SERVICE)
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WASHINGTON, July 10.—Seven subjects are dealt with in the economic clauses of the treaty with Germany. They include every problem that has grown out of the war. Outstanding, however, is the fact that the American economic experts refused to make the United States party to an arbitrary division of indemnities or of seized property.

Instead, the United States is the only nation subscribing to the treaty which reserved to its law-making body—congress—the right to dispose of all property acquired from Germany. As a result the American Lusitania claims, and the claims growing out of the sinkings of American merchantmen, as well as the claims resulting from the submarine raids off the Atlantic coast by German submarines can be adjusted by congress itself. HERE ARE ECONOMIC SECTIONS.

The seven subjects dealt with in the economic sections of the treaty are as follows:

First—Commercial relations between the allied and associated powers on the one hand and Germany on the other, including matters relating to nationality, exportation and importation and property rights of nations of the allied and associated governments in Germany.

Second—Treaty relations with Germany how they are to be resumed, etc.

Third—The adjustment of debts among nationals of the allied and associated powers on the one hand and German nationals on the other.

Fourth—The disposition of private property which has been sequestered in the allied and associated countries and in Germany.

Fifth—The legal effect and the adjustment of contracts concluded prior to the war between nationals of the allied and associated powers on the one hand and German nationals on the other.

Sixth—A mixed arbitral tribunal to pass upon claims against Germany for property injured or seized in Germany and to function in connection with the adjustment of debts.

Seventh—Rights in relation to industrial property and literary and artistic (Continued on page sixteen.)

WILSON SAYS SENATE
WILL RATIFY TREATYPresident Supremely Con-
fident Body Will Carry
Out His Wishes.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, July 10.—The senate will ratify the peace treaty in the opinion of President Wilson. He made this very plain today in his talk with the newspaper correspondents, the first that he has had since the United States entered the war.

The president also made it plain that with the ratification of the treaty by the German national assembly at Weimar the blockade of Germany automatically came to an end. From now on Germany will be allowed to trade freely under the system of credits that have been adopted by the supreme economic council.

The president was in an unusually happy frame of mind and seemed supremely confident that the work of the Paris peace conference would be fully satisfactory to the people of the United States. While it is not permitted to quote what he said there was no doubt of the impression that he left with the correspondents to whom he talked freely and frankly. He declined to answer a number of purely hypothetical questions dealing with what might happen when the league of nations actually is organized. However, he insisted that the senate would ratify the treaty and it was very plain that he expects the ratification to include the original document which he presented to the senate later in the day and without the inclusion of any reservations.

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PROCEDURE
QUESTION
IS ARGUEDState Capital Attorneys
Raise Question As to
Sentence in Gary
Bandit Cases.JUDGE SMITH
SETS THE DATE

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., July 10.—Judge M. J. Smith has announced that upon July 18 he will hear the plea of lawyers for setting aside the verdict in the case of the condemned Tolleston bank gunmen.

Clarence Darrow will be the chief attorney for the defense. Work on securing a jury for the trial of Nick Trkulja began and lasted all day. J. H. Conroy, of Hammond, conducted the examination for the bandit co-defendant. The hearing of the evidence began this morning.

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL)
INDIANAPOLIS, July 10.—Local attorneys have raised the question as to the right of a judge, on a plea of guilty by a first degree murderer, to determine without a jury whether the murderer should be sentenced to death or to prison for life.

The question came up in connection with the action of Judge Martin W. Smith, of the Lake county criminal court, who recently sentenced to death on a plea of guilty of first degree murder Albert Batchelor, Thomas Batchelor, Harry Parker and Daniel Trkulja and sentenced to life imprisonment Lee Spears and Jan Bierlich. They killed Herman Becker, cashier of the First State Bank of Tolleston a suburb of Gary.

Judge James A. Collison of the Marion county criminal court said it is his opinion that no man can be sentenced to die unless the sentence has been pronounced by a jury of twelve men. It is an invasion of a man's constitutional rights for a judge to attempt to pronounce such a sentence, he said.

"I will not accept a plea of guilty in a first degree murder case," said Judge Collins. "The supreme court has held as late as 1903 that a jury must be the only tribunal imposing the death penalty."

Attorney-General's Office.

Without committing itself to a final decision, the attorney-general's office said that under the bill of rights and the wording of the revised statutes of 1881 such a question might have been raised, but that under the revised statutes of 1905 it was unlikely that such a question could be raised.

An old supreme court decision based on the 1881 statutes held that a judge had no such right, but it appeared to some who have investigated that the basis of the early supreme court decision has been removed by the revision of 1905.

It was said that any change of opinion in the cases of the Gary men now would have to come either by a change of sentence by the judge himself or by a direct appeal to the supreme court.

The law provides that a person convicted of first degree murder may be sentenced to death or to life imprisonment for life. Some construe the law to mean that a jury alone can decide which the sentence should be. In the Gary case the judge acted on a plea of guilty.

OFFICER WARNER
IS PRETTY HANDY
WITH PISTOL

Officer Ed Warner of the Hammond police handles a revolver just like he rides his motorcycle. He has it under almost perfect control. "In the target practice yesterday at the rifle range Warner hit the bullseye eight times out of ten and the two which failed to register were just outside the spot. His total was 98 points, placing him first on the list.

Following are the results of the shoot:

Warner 98; Hesterman 86; Rimbach 85; Hanlon 84; See 82; Strong 81; Carlson 80; Homrich 79; Kunz 78; Walack 49; W. Palmer 48; Einsele 44; Sinker 43; F. Fandrell 42; Schaadt 41; Horbeck 40; E. Palmer 39; Cordia 42; Trout 39; H. Hesterman 36; Nauch 30; Flannigan 30; Bell 29; Russell 25; Schmitt 22; McCarron 21; Powers 17; Hilbrech 9.

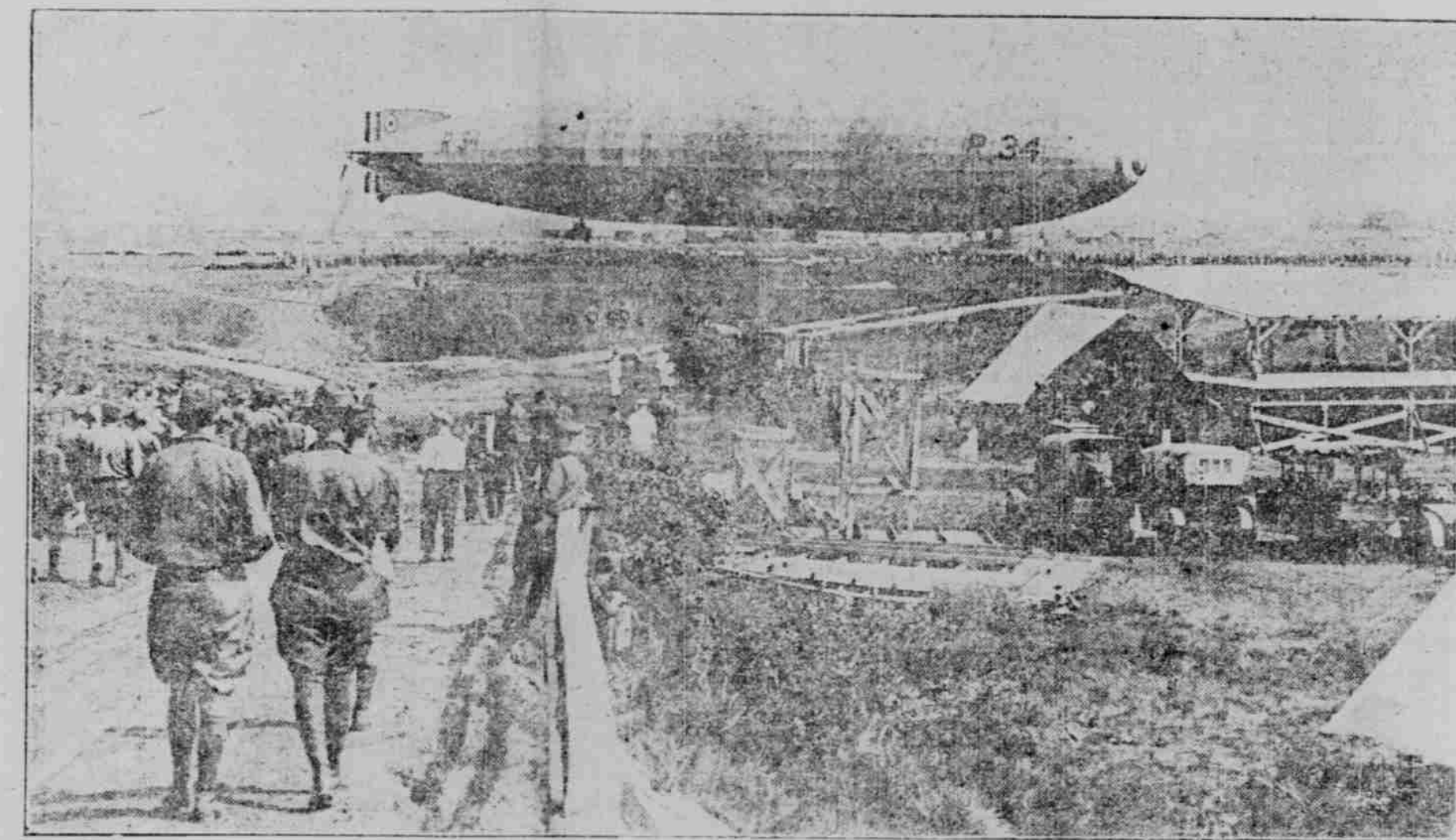
EBERT SIGNS
RATIFYING PAPER

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
LONDON, July 10.—A news agency dispatch from Berlin today said that according to the Vorwarts, President Ebert has signed the resolution ratifying the peace treaty.

The document was then immediately sent by special courier to Versailles the dispatch added.

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be there.

R-34 SETS OUT AFTER MIDNIGHT FOR ENGLAND



Wilson Speaks For League

ROCKEFELLER
A REAL FELLER

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
GREENFIELD, Mass., July 10.—John D. Rockefeller, world's richest man, distributed shiny new nickels to bellboys, waitresses and curious townspeople today as he was leaving the hotel here today for his summer home at Seal Harbor, Me. Only one nickel went to each person and was accompanied with the good wishes of the oil king. Mr. Rockefeller, his son John D. Jr., and a party of sixteen arrived here last evening from Lenox by automobile and left today in a drizzling rain for Maine.

ANDERSON
DENOUNCES
ATTORNEYSFt. Wayne Lawyers Roast-
ed for Attempting to
Thwart the Federal
Authorities.

(TIMES BUREAU AT STATE CAPITAL)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 10.—Carl Yapel, of Fort Wayne, formerly judge of the Allen superior court for eight years and Robert Buchler, another Ft. Wayne lawyer, were reprimanded by Judge A. B. Anderson Tuesday afternoon in the federal court for efforts said to have been made by them to thwart the federal authorities and to obtain from Mrs. Leona Olmstead Garity what the court terms an "enormous sum for so trifling a service."

JUDGE DOES NOT SPARE THEM.

Mrs. Garity, age twenty-two, the dancer, cabaret singer and one-time wife of the mayor of Highland, a suburb of Chicago, is now in the custody of the federal court pending the trial of her paramour, Thomas J. Williams, on the charge of raising federal reserve notes. Williams is now in the Indiana state prison at Michigan City where Judge Anderson said he was reintroduced in order that he might not be brought before the federal court and subjected to the risk of receiving a life term sentence in the federal prison. His state prison sentence is for two to four years.

Judge Anderson spared no words in holding the two Ft. Wayne lawyers up as men who had taken advantage of a helpless woman to obtain a large sum of money.

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KILLED IN ROME
STREET FIGHTING

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
PARIS, July 10.—Advices to L. Information today said that two persons were killed and thirty wounded in an outbreak of fighting in Rome, following the declaration of a general strike. Many shops were pillaged. Troops with machine guns were posted about the central telegraph office. Rioting again broke out in Brescia and Palermo, where 100 ringleaders were arrested.

PRESIDENT
ADDRESSES
THE SENATEQuestion of League of Na-
tions Is Raised in Unmis-
takable Terms by Presi-
dent Wilson.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT'S SERVICE)
SENATE CHAMBER, CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, July 10.—The United States senate today was given complete power to finish the task of ending the war with Germany. President Woodrow Wilson, fresh from the peace conference at Paris, laid before the senate—authorized under the constitution to ratify all treaties—the complete text of the document signed by the German delegates and the representatives of the allied and associated powers at Versailles. Until that document is ratified, or rejected, the technical state of war must continue.

PREDICTS NEW WAR UNLESS—

The president raised the issue of the league of nations in clear and unmistakable terms. He told the senate that the peoples of the world, "blessed white," wanted a permanent peace. He warned that if the league of nations was not created and its future assured, "there must be another and final war, and the world must be swept clean of every power that could renew the terror."

TELLS HOW STATESMEN FEEL.

The president reviewed the changed attitude of the European statesmen toward the league and then demanded: "They saw it as the hope of the world, and that hope they did not dare to disappoint. Shall we or any other free people hesitate to accept this great duty? Dare we reject it and break the heart of the world?"

SOME REPUBLICANS APPLAUD.

The president was listened to earnestly. When he declared that his services and all the information he possessed dealing with the treaty was at the disposal of the foreign relations committee and of the senate the advocates of ratification nodded their approval.

Harding of Ohio and Sterling of South Dakota were among the Republican senators who applauded the president from time to time. Other Republican senators, like Knox of Pennsylvania, and McCormick of Illinois, were among the senatorial opponents to the league of nations who did not join the applause.

TRIBUTE IS CHEERED.

The president's tribute to the part that America's moral force played in the struggle was greeted with cheering and applause. It was a continuation of the applause which had greeted him as he took his place in front of the vice president's chair.

The president read his address from small typewritten cards and his voice (Continued on page two.)

CRUSADE
FOR COMFORT
STATIONS HERE

Once more the people of Hammond are discussing that old subject of having the city provide comfort stations for the convenience of the public. The matter has bubbled up at regular intervals for a number of years, but as yet has resulted in nothing more than talk.

A prominent citizen in speaking of the matter this morning said that he believed it was time for the city council to give the subject serious consideration. "You see," he said, "up to a year or so ago, whenever anyone brought up the subject of comfort stations, there were always plenty who would say we did not need them. Every saloon was equipped with so-called public toilets, which, although the argument was a poor one, would temporarily stall off any efforts at building real stations for the public. Imagine a mother taking her children into such places.

"To help the situation, several of the city's largest stores installed rest rooms, intended of course for women and children. When the saloons closed the men were out of luck. My idea would be to have a comfort station located as near as possible to the center of the business district. I don't know where the city could find such a place right now, but I'm sure a location could be secured if the council got after the matter."

A member of the council says that he has been approached by numerous people lately on the subject and believes that some action should be taken by the council at once.

SAME MAN
WHO STIRRED
W. HAMMOND

John Kostuba, of Hegewisch, according to the East Chicago police, is the slickest of the slick. He is said to be one of the daring men who cut through a wall and door in Lewis's store at East Chicago and got away with \$2,000 in silver. He was arrested last June for breaking into the Greiner store in W. Hammond. \$1,500 was taken in stock. Kostuba was put under bond and he jumped it. A year ago he was arrested in Milwaukee for stealing an auto and was put on probation for a year. He will be held to the Crown Point grand jury.

ADMINISTRATRIX
IS APPOINTED FOR
DEMING ESTATE

With the appointment of Mrs. Eleanor Deming as administratrix of the estate of the late Frank C. Deming this morning in the Hammond superior court she filed a bond of \$30,000. County Clerk Herbert L. Wheaton says this is the largest bond he has accepted since he has been in office. The bond was signed by five substantial business men of Hammond. The personal property of the estate is valued at \$150,000.

TEMPERATURE — Peace-time miners' problems formed the basis of discussion today at the second day's session of the 27th conservative convention of District No. 11, United Mine Workers of America. William H. Green, national secretary and treasurer, and John Lewis, national vice-president, are expected to attend the convention, which is expected to be one of the most important in the history of the organization.

Bulletins

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 10.—Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman, was taken to a private sanitarium here today, suffering from nervous breakdown, due to overwork.

Complete rest and quiet was prescribed by his physicians. Recovery is expected within ten days.

\$4,500 IS
STOLEN FROM
IND. HARBORPatriotic Foreigners Lose
Thousands in War Sav-
ings Stamp Theft.

Indiana Harbor was the scene of a big robbery last night when \$4,500 in War Savings Stamps and currency was stolen from the home of Steve Vuka and Theodore Alavanja.

The losers are Steve Vuka, of 3825 Cedar st., Indiana Harbor, and Theodore Alavanja, a boarder, Marko Culana, also of the Harbor.

Vuka lost \$150 in cash and \$1,000 in Postal Savings Stamps. Alavanja is loser of \$1,500 in Postal Savings Stamps and Culana is out \$750 in currency and \$500 in Postal Savings Stamps.

The police are investigating and the postal authorities are watching out for the stamps. They are convinced that the robber was some well acquainted with the lay of the house.

BATHING WILL BE
EXTENDED AN HOURPublic May Get Relief Be-
cause Works Board Mem-
ber Had to Get Out.

Rules at the Hammond bathing beach are to be altered so that bathers may enjoy the water another hour. This was promised by a member of the Hammond Board of Works last night as he complained headed the "all out" signal at the beach.

Complaints had been registered against the rule which was made before daylight saving was thought of. Nothing had been done to help the situation and all last summer and thus far this year the bathers have been forced to leave the water even though there is nearly an hour of daylight remaining. Last night the works board member was induced to go swimming. He was having a high old time when the signal was sounded. At first he rebelled, just like other folks have done, but there was no alternative. However, as he was changing his clothes he vowed that something would be done at once to remedy matters.

STEEL-OIL
COMBINES IN
TWIN CITY
INDUSTRIESMillion Involved In Three
Mergers; Another
May Come.CONSOLIDATIONS
OF LOCAL PLANTS

Mergers in process of completion and one in prospect involving companies, some of which have their major interests in Indiana Harbor-East Chicago are as follows:

STEEL & TUBE MERGER.

New York bankers are completing the details of a \$100,000,000 merger to be known as Steel & Tube company of America, Inc., which will embrace Mark Manufacturing company, with a steel works in the Indiana Harbor district of East Chicago, Newport Mining company, Northwestern Iron company, and have affiliated the Ingot and Iron company, By-Products Coke corporation, with one of its plants at East Chicago, and other coal and ore mining corporations.

SINCLAIR CONSOLIDATED

Merger.

Sinclair Consolidated corporation is to be the name of the largest single oil corporation in the world, whose capital is expected to run into a couple of hundred millions. This concern is to take in Sinclair Refining company, which is the largest refinery at East Chicago, and having there the northern terminals of its 800-mile pipeline, Sinclair Gulf, Sinclair Oil and Refining and numerous other refining, producing and transportation corporations.

FOUNDERIES-CAR WHEEL MERGER.

American Steel Foundries, with two of its numerous plants in Hammond and East Chicago, respectively, has just absorbed the Griffin Car Wheel company, with a dozen plants, and is said to be about to absorb more equipment companies. The foundries company has authorized \$25,000,000 additional in preferred stock of which \$9,000,000 has just been paid for one company.

A NEBRASKA MERGER.

A fourth merger is merely in prospect and that involves the efforts of interested in the east to effect a new steel corporation, a matter that has been the subject of repeated negotiations. The names of two East Chicago companies, Inland Steel and Republic Iron and Steel have been mentioned in the prospective deal but as has been said there is no authority that such a merger may come; but if it does it will not be surprising.

Mergers of oil and steel corporations, some of which have their major interest in the city of East Chicago, involve figures which run into hundreds of millions, and if another deal now wholly in a nebular form is consummated, the total industrial consolidations will approach sums never before equalled in this district.

Total consolidations now under way, including one completed, is expected to involve capitalizations that will eventually amount to \$500,000,000. Of the three assured mergers two concern iron and steel properties, the third oil production.

\$100,000,000 STEEL COMBINE.

The new \$100,000,000 steel combine to be known as the Steel and Tube company of America, Inc., which will take in two large plants in the Indiana Harbor district of East Chicago, steel works and blast-furnaces elsewhere, and also coal and ore mining properties. The nucleus of this new steel combine is the Mark Manufacturing company, with five plants in three states, including the one in East Chicago, and the By-Products Coke corporation, with newly completed coke ovens at East Chicago.

SINCLAIR CONSOLIDATED.

The vastness of the new Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation, now in process, is just coming to light. Embracing the Sinclair Refining company, with its largest refinery at East Chicago, the Sinclair Oil and Refining company, Sinclair Gulf Corporation, the 800-mile Oklahoma-East Chicago pipeline, and numerous other producing, refining, tank car, transportation and steamship corporations, the new oil combine, it is declared, will be the largest individual oil corporation in the world.

FOUNDERIES-CAR WHEEL MERGER.

American Steel Foundries, which has two of its largest plants in Hammond and East Chicago, respectively, has completed the absorption of the Griffin Car Wheel company, owning a dozen plants, and is said to be about to draw (Continued on page two.)